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Driving Under the Influence/Sobriety Checkpoint Successful at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS, CALIFORNIA—The National Park Service, in cooperation with Tulare County Sheriff's Office (Gang Unit) and California Highway Patrol officers, conducted a successful driving under the influence (DUI)/sobriety checkpoint near the entrance to Sequoia National Park on Sunday, June 30, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. A total of 571 drivers and their vehicles received initial screening at the checkpoint. Law enforcement officers conducted field sobriety tests on 13 people. At the checkpoint, officers arrested three people, including one for driving under the influence and two for driving on suspended licenses. One of the suspended licenses was for a prior DUI offense. In addition, a citation was issued for possession of a controlled substance, and a warning was issued to a passenger for an open container of alcohol in a vehicle. This sobriety checkpoint took dangerous drivers off the road, increased public awareness of the consequences of impaired driving, and encouraged the use of sober designated drivers.

In addition, another driver was arrested for a DUI offense at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks today. This arrest happened at approximately 2:00 p.m. along the Generals Highway (-main road through the parks) near the Potwisha Campground area.

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